

LOCAL I-S NEWS

for department store workers

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WE WIN

\$2 Raise!

Greater Security!

Better Sick Plan!

Stronger Contract!

More than 4,000 members of Local I-S filled every available seat and every inch of Manhattan Center's standing room to hear and overwhelmingly approve a contract which chalks up a major victory for 1954 and guarantees that the Local I-S contract will continue to be the best there is in 1955 as well.

The new gains scored by Local I-S puts its wages, Health Plan and other social benefits far ahead of every other organized store in the industry that they will have to work doubly hard if they are to ever catch up—especially in view of the fact that other stores in New York seem ready to follow the Gimbel pattern of tying themselves down with four year contracts with re-opening provision limited to the cost of living in 1955.

In submitting the recommended agreement to the membership on behalf of the Executive Board, the Negotiating Committee and his fellow officers—Vice Presidents Phil Hoffstein and George Gurian—President Sam Kovenetsky said: "We refused to be stopped by the barriers created by such agreements as the one at Gimbels. While Macy's memory of our strike a year ago was still fresh in their

mind, we hit them again—and we hit them hard!"

SUMMARY OF GAINS

Added to our Pension Plan, three day sick leave waiting time, medical and surgical insurance, system of automatic raises, job security and other contractual benefits, we have won:

1. An immediate general wage increase of \$2 a week for all full-timers and a proportionate part of \$2 for part-timers. Saturday-onlies and Fractionals earning the minimum rate of their department before their contract was signed will also receive this increase of five cents an hour. Only Union members will get the raise.

2. Two additional automatic raises at twelve and eighteen months, each of \$1.50, for Union members in the Office Division—moving everyone closer to the Union goal of a fully automatic wage structure right to the maximum!

3. Insurance for such medical diagnostic care as X-Rays and other laboratory tests starting February 1st.

4. Increase in maximum sick leave payment from \$40 to \$42 a week after the third day of illness, effective on February 1st.

5. Full 26 week sick leave payment for recurrent illnesses, even though 26 weeks of benefits had been previously collected, provided there is a lapse of 26 weeks between recurrences. Continued sick leave benefits for different illnesses without any lapse of time between such illnesses.

6. The contract will re-open again on February 1st for further improvements in wages, hours and wage structure!

7. The contract will expire on February 1, 1956.

MEMBERS HAIL "GREAT VICTORY!"

Heard everywhere after the Manhattan Center meeting was the description of the new gains as a "great victory!" Everyone cheered the fact that Macy's had sought negotiations even after the Union had filed for an arbitration of the demands. And all were agreed that, "Our great show of strength last year continues to pay big dividends. Long live Local I-S!"

BRANCH STORE NEWS

PARKCHESTER

It is not so very often that just anyone and everyone gets a chance to be a hero in the normal course of everyday life. And the people who are such heroes don't usually stop to look at themselves in those terms. They kind of take it for granted. What they do causes no pain—yet it involves personal sacrifice and does save lives. I'm writing, of course, about those who give to the Blood Bank. Those who quietly go about rolling up their sleeves so that they may pour out a pint of their life's blood for storage and use in case of emergency. I couldn't help thinking, as I watched my co-workers donate, that this is the simple kind of "bravery" out of which great tales are told. You read of a Red Cross disaster unit rushing blood and plasma to the scene of a horrible accident. That's *our* blood—on hand to meet emergencies because we, and many like us, had the foresight and good sense to know that one day it might be one of us or a loved one. We don't begrudge a stranger our blood, because we know that we would welcome his. And so our Blood Bank drive was a success. We've once again provided our insurance for an uncertain future. Unassumingly and simply, Jane and John Doe have earned the thanks and humble gratitude of all. They shed their blood so that all might live.



Fay Mattimiro

FLATBUSH



Anne Bowen

Flatbush, you're OK. Thanks for the many pledges received during our Blood Bank drive—and as usual we came out with flying colors. A huge amount of blood was collected here for the good of all! . . . We should be grateful for having a great guy like Jack Jampole as our Administrator. He is a fellow who really gets things done and will never let you down. You don't think of Jack as just our Union representative, but as a friend . . . To our convalescents—don't take too long to get well. We are anxious to see you around again soon . . . Kay Singer (F4), Margo Reiss (F4), Eloise Walsh (F10), Eileen Doyle (Cosmetics) . . . Rene Finkel recently resigned and some of the original Flatbush settlers tendered her a dinner at Kee's Restaurant. We were very sorry to see her leave, but all hope she will be happy in her new home. Her friends at the store presented her with an outdoor set for her patio . . . Glad to see Stanley Levy back from his honeymoon . . . Diane, aren't you a little nervous? In a few weeks from now you'll be "MRS."—and you're getting a grand guy. Lots of Luck . . . Welcome to the Saturday onlies and Fractionals. You are all one of us now—and that makes us stronger than ever . . . Have a nice vacation, everybody—and keep me posted.

WHITE PLAINS

Mrs. Marsha Johnson, Men's Shop, has been ill for some time. We all miss her friendly presence and hope she will be with us soon . . . Edith Toucey, Fabrics, underwent an operation recently. Everyone has expressed concern for her comfort and complete recovery . . . Mary Peterson of Housewares surprised us all when she flashed a big, sparkling diamond ring given to her by her fiancé, Herbert Fleming. He is a construction engineer . . . The softball team has a current record of 2-1; not bad considering the lone defeat was lost in the last inning. We are a real contender for league honors this year . . . Another milestone was passed when the Supreme Court ruled out segregation in the schools of the South. Patiently yet with certainty, this great nation continues to change the wrongs of the past and offer hope for the days to come. The labor movement in its outstanding devotion to the cause of freedom for all, is playing a vital role in assuring us that fair and just laws rather than powerful and selfish men guide the destiny of our beloved country. . . Our heartfelt sympathies to Mrs. Winters on the untimely death of her husband. Our prayers are with her during this time of sorrow.



Bill Bittner

JAMAICA

Shirley Ferguson of J9 is a flutter with her approaching marriage which is scheduled for July 19. Best wishes to bride and groom . . . CONGRATULATIONS DEPT: Congratulations are indeed in order to Ed Hansell on the birth of daughter Carol Maureen. Carol arrived on May 9, weighing 6 pounds 9 ounces. . . A granddaughter was born to Mary Brown (Order Board) Daddy Jimmy Brown works in the Linen Department and this is his first bundle from heaven. Best of luck from all of us here . . . We want to wish Ann Kalbacher of the Men's Department and Jean Ferrara of Sportswear speedy recovery . . . To Madeline Street of J15 who is hospitalized we can only say, Get well soon—we all miss you" . . . FROM HERE TO MATERNITY: Chris Lonergan of Men's Shirts and Mrs. Voyer of Fabrics are awaiting blessed events—and we hear tell that their huddies are biting their finger nails down to the third knuckle . . . Our softball team is ready to go—and the word is that they are expected to go "places" and win "cups" . . . Manager Bob Gass announces that the next game is with White Plains . . . Don D'Aquino tells this one—(he's our watch expert): "My garden is a little jewel—14 carrots!" . . . True to a very fine tradition, folks here in Jamaica signed Blood Bank Pledge Sheets in record-breaking numbers. When they put their names down they signify a willingness to give. When the big moment came on Monday, May 24th the response was truly inspiring—it was wonderful.

1954 Blood Bank Drive Fails To Equal Last Year's Record

The members, officers and staff of Local 1-S, along with company executives and exempt personnel pooled more than 900 pints of blood for the protection of themselves, their husbands or wives and children under 18 years of age. This total was more than 100 pints short of last year's collection. Experienced Blood Bank personnel pointed out that even with the 1,013 pints netted last year inclusion of parents of single members did not become possible until October. Continued coverage of the parents of single members is scheduled to be discussed by the Blood Bank Committee within the next few days.

Vacation Aid Available At Credit Union

If you feel that you need a vacation that you can't afford, be sure to discuss your problem with the Local 1-S Federal Credit Union.

The Credit Union is a cooperative bank, run by and for its members. The kind of loan you need for your well-earned vacation is easy to get and easy to repay.

Unlike doing business with a commercial bank, when you deal with the Credit Union you are dealing with friends. You can practically write your own ticket when it comes to deciding how your loan is to be repaid. An additional advantage to borrowing the Credit Union way is that you pay interest only on the monthly unpaid balance of your debt. This can add up to a real saving for a person taking a loan.

The Credit Union, chartered and supervised by the United States government, is also an ideal bank in which to save. Its high rate of interest on savings has led many people to transfer accounts from other banks in order to get the benefit of a full 3 per cent on their deposits.

For full information about an easy loan, about safe savings and the Credit Union's network of bonded collectors, come to the Credit Union office at 290 Seventh Avenue TODAY!

HEALTH PLAN NOTE

If you plan to take a leave of absence (including military leave) for more than 30 days or if you leave the store and wish to continue your Health Plan coverage on a direct payment basis YOU MUST see the Local 1-S Health Plan Consultant at the Union office within 30 days from the end of the month in which you leave the store.

If you, or a member of your family covered by the Health Plan, enters the hospital you MUST call on the Union office for claim forms immediately on entering or as soon as possible thereafter.

Protect yourself—protect your family—protect your benefits. Be sure to come to the Union office on time!

**FREE
LEGAL AID CLINIC
at the
UNION OFFICE
Every Wednesday
5 to 7 P.M.**

The drive reached its peak with hundreds of additional pledges being received in response to a dramatic, last minute appeal by the Blood Bank Committee. The many who continue to take the existence of the life-saving Blood Bank for granted were the targets of the late plea for pledges indicating a willingness to support the Bank.

The Blood Bank got a further assist from Red Cross with the decision that, barring a national emergency, only one-third of the total collected would go to them and the remainder would be at the

disposal of the Bank. During the war in Korea one-half of the blood went to Red Cross.

Vice President George Gurian, who played a leading part in the organization of this year's drive, said:

"Once again our Blood Bank Committee, the people from Red Cross and management's representatives did an outstanding job. All of us know many people by name who could have made a pledge, but didn't. There are others whom we don't know as well, who also could have helped build the bank, but didn't."

"The thousands of men and women who did pledge and who did report deserve our heartfelt thanks and deepest appreciation for making possible the continuation of the vital services of the Blood Bank."

Members of Local 1-S on the Blood Bank Committee are:

Marion Cooke, Jerry Harte, Tony LaSalvia, John Malone and Helene Roberts.

**You Can Be
Proud to Wear a
LOCAL 1-S
UNION BUTTON
Get Yours Today!
Only 50 cents
At the Union Office**

Some Free Camp Openings Left For Youngsters

Acting almost as though the offer was too good to be true, many eligible members of Local 1-S have thus far not made application for a free camping vacation for their children.

Some parents have expressed concern over the fact that their youngsters had never been away from home before. They asked if some kind of special arrangement would be possible.

In such cases, for those who desire it, children may be assigned to Friendly Town homes for the vacation period. These are the country homes of people who open their doors and their hearts to youngsters escaping the heat and discomfort of the city. Every Friendly Town home is carefully screened to make sure that it is suitable. Among the many points determined is the age of the companionship each child will have. Only after competent authorities are thoroughly satisfied that the home is acceptable in every sense, is a Friendly Town sent there.

Aside from the Friendly Towns, there are the regular camps for boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 13. Here the youngsters are able to enjoy a full-fledged and carefully supervised camping vacation.

Financial eligibility for participation in the camp program ranges from a weekly income of approximately \$42.30 for a family of two, to \$69.25 for a family of five. If your total family earnings are within, or close to these figures, your child may qualify for a vacation he'll never forget—and one which won't put a hole in the family budget.

If you are interested and work in Herald Square, apply directly to the Union office. If you work in a Branch Store, see your Union Administrator—TODAY!

**if you . . .
your husband
or wife . . .
or children
under 18 . . .**

**NEED BLOOD
FROM THE BLOOD BANK
all you have to do is
CALL WA 4-4540
And Rest Assured That
Local 1-S Will Do the Rest**

Members Send Greetings On Anniversary

It was "Happy Birthday to You" from dozens of departments and individuals, as Local 1-S marked its 15th anniversary.

The well-wishes came from almost all sections of the store and straight from the heart, too.

Most of the messages praised the Union for its 15 years of record accomplishments and wished it many more years of similar growth and progress.

The greeting signed by "The Street Floor Table Gang" summed up the sentiments of all. They wrote, "We wish to extend our greetings to the most wonderful Union in the world on its 15th anniversary."

Said President Sam Kovenetsky, "Our Union's birthday is actually everybody's celebration. In these fifteen years every member has contributed to the strengthening of Local 1-S. That is why we, in turn, congratulate the membership on the 15th anniversary of the discovery of the united power which has been the source of all our progress. On this occasion, therefore, we say to the members, MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY!"

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WORDS

WE WILL AMEND THE
TAFT-HARTLEY-LAW



MAKE A PROMISE MEAN A PROMISE. GIVE A BUCK TO PAC

DEEDS

... AND MAKE IT WORSE!



Union's Newest Members Inherit 15 Years' Gains

Early June marked the deadline by which more than 1400 new members were added to the roster of Local 1-S.

Our Union is the only one to afford the full benefits of a contract to the group of workers known as "Saturday-onlies" and "Fractionals." No other Union has succeeded in welding a complete union-shop of all staff workers, regardless of the number of hours for which they are employed. No other Union, therefore, has the solid strength now possessed by Local 1-S.

To most of the "Saturday-onlies" and "Fractionals," Union membership is a new experience. They have joined Local 1-S after the Union has engaged in fifteen years of fighting to improve working conditions and win higher pay.

It is not reasonable to expect that a Saturday-only can fully appreciate the significance of his recently won raise which brings his pay up to the minimum of his department. This is so only because he does not know of the years of effort that went in to raising that minimum to its present level.

The Saturday-only or Fractional might find it difficult to realize that a rate of 40 cents an hour was considered good when the Union first began its uphill fight!

It would also take deep understanding to appreciate that it took the most persistent efforts of millions of organized workers to force the government to raise the minimum wage standards to 75 cents an hour. And this was done only after the unions had won wages which were above that figure.

Today's effort to raise that legal minimum to \$1.25 an hour is a continuation of battles which began 15 to 20 years ago.

The guarantee of paid holidays and paid vacations is something else that came only with years of struggle. The incorporation of these gains in the first contract covering the Saturday-only and Fractional worker is a further tribute to the strength and bargaining skill of their Union and the 8000 other workers with whom they now stand side-by-side.

The job security—the protection against unjust firings and the winning of Macy's respect for their job rights based on seniority are also important steps forward for this group. Until now, Macy's has been free to use them however they saw fit.

A real sense of order now replaces company favoritism and the Union contract now regulates Macy decisions which affect the worker's on-the-job life.

Didn't Want Union

Macy's, by its actions, proved a thousand times over that they did not want the Saturday-onlies and Fractionals to be represented by Local 1-S. They did all they could to postpone the day when the workers would be able to freely choose a Union to bargain and to speak for them.

Macy's reasoning was simple. They knew that Local 1-S had cost them millions of dollars in higher wages and other gains for the workers. They knew that the Saturday-onlies and Fractionals would also reap this benefit. And Macy's worst fears were realized when they finally set their signature to the first and only contract of its kind!

Indestructible Unity

The unity that has come with the addition of this important group has added immeasurably to the already great strength of Local 1-S and its members. Union decisions democratically arrived at by the members will now effect every single staff worker in the store, thereby fortifying the Union in its day-by-day and year-by-year efforts to secure higher rates of pay and still better working conditions.

Over the years we have seen a constant stream of new groups taking advantage of the presence of our Union. After non-selling was organized in 1939 we witnessed the additions of selling, then Parkchester, then offices, then Jamaica, Flatbush, White Plains, the switchboard operators, the demonstrators, the beauty shop and now the Saturday-onlies and Fractionals.

Each addition brought us closer to the triumph we now enjoy—an indestructible unity that will only serve to further advance the interests and well-being of every member!

As President Sam Kovenetsky said, "One slogan of labor has always been—'Organize the unorganized.' Because we have always given this slogan our most serious attention we are now in the unique position of being the only Union in our industry which is solidly organized. With the strength and unity we now possess we can confidently look forward to still more gains and perhaps even greater victories!"

Hard-Hitting Campaign Halts Congress T-H Drive; Back PAC

Proving the power of a hard-hitting political action campaign, the Administration drive for a super Taft-Hartley Law was stopped dead in its tracks when the Senate voted 50 to 42 to recommit the measure to the Labor Committee.

The CIO (and Local 1-S) had urged recommitment.

The vote, viewed as one of

President Eisenhower's worst legislative defeats, found 46 Democrats plus three Republicans and one Independent voting for recommitment. All 42 votes against recommitment came from Republicans.

Action followed a motion by Senator Hill, Democrat from Alabama, to send the Bill back to the committee. Hill had been angered by GOP steam-roller tactics in forcing the measure out of the committee under a gag rule.

The vote virtually killed all chances that Congress would pass any bill to make Taft-Hartley worse during this session.

Just before the vote was taken Majority Leader Knowland of California, said recommitment would be repudiation of the President.

White House pressure for "a bill," no matter how strongly anti-labor, continued unabated until the Senate clerk began reading the roll call.

Knowland, who on other occasions hasn't seemed particularly concerned with following White House leadership, threw his support behind the amendments proposed by Senator Goldwater, Republican from Arizona. Goldwater himself admitted that his proposals

could result in the outlawing of collective bargaining.

Back PAC

This stemming of the anti-labor tide came at a time when it seemed that the big business representatives (Goldwater owns a department store in Arizona) were ready to ride roughshod over anyone who stood in their way.

The defeat of these amendments, which were universally condemned by trade unionists, proves that labor still packs enough of a wallop to protect itself and advance the interests of the nation.

The present PAC fund raising campaign which is being spark-plugged by Floor Committees, Shop Stewards and PAC members is aimed at knocking out anti-labor Congressmen in the November elections. The money raised will also be used to help mobilize millions of workers for more victories such as the one we are now celebrating.

PAC is non-partisan. It will support any candidate, regardless of party label, so long as the candidate supports labor.

GIVE YOUR BUCK TO PAC TODAY! Remember — THE JOB YOU SAVE MAY BE YOUR OWN!

Store Bosses Join To Hold Wages Down

The American Retail Federation and the National Retail Dry Goods Association are combining their forces to try to beat back the proposal that retail establishments be covered by the Federal Minimum Wage and Hour Law.

Meetings are being held by representatives of the two groups to plan a campaign which would continue to deny to millions of workers in our industry the protection of the law.

While members of Local 1-S enjoy a minimum wage much higher than that provided by the law, the absence of a legal minimum serves to encourage employer attacks on our Union-won standards.

Local 1-S has already enthusiastically endorsed Senator Murray's Bill to provide for a minimum wage of \$1.25 an hour and a 35-hour work week. This Bill is consistent with the demands raised by CIO and deserves all-out support from every Union member.

The action of the American Retail Federation and the National Retail Dry Goods Association puts the spotlight on the need for an active political action program. The answer to the question, "Does Macy's tell Gimbels?" is "YES!" The employers do get together. They make their contributions to their political action committees. They know that high pressure campaigns can pay off in big dividends.

While Local 1-S is certainly strong enough to preserve the gains it has won, those gains would be that much more secure if there was a national law putting a wage floor under our feet.

Write to your Congressman TODAY. Tell him that you support the proposal that retail establishments be brought under the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act. Tell him, too, that you support the proposal that the Federal law be changed to provide for \$1.25 an hour minimum wage for a 35-hour week.

DO IT NOW!

We Mourn

We mourn the loss of the following Union members who have died since the beginning of 1954:

Alice Byrne
Amy Charles
Mary Collins
Marie Cuccia
William Dahlmann

**MAY THEY REST
IN PEACE**

CIO Charts Program For 'Prosperity in Peacetime'

The banners said: "Unemployment is Un-American" . . . "An America at Work is a Strong America" . . . "The Job You Save May Be Your Own."

The 500 CIO leaders from all parts of the country were gathered in Washington to focus the nation's attention on unemployment and to begin to hammer out a program to meet the growing threat of depression.

The two-day conference heard CIO President Walter P. Reuther describe the unemployment situation as "critical." He called for an intensified program of political action on the home front to see to it that "20 or 30 reactionaries in Congress are unemployed after November."

Underlining the threat in the present economic trends was CIO Secretary-Treasurer Carey. He reported that:

General Electric has laid off 16% of its production workers, yet its profits after taxes were "up a fantastic 42% over last year."

Westinghouse has cut employment by 12%, yet its profits for the first quarter were up 55%.

Program

The following program for "Prosperity in Peacetime" was adopted by the Conference:

1. **TAXES:** A tax program to benefit the many, not the privileged few, by raising personal income tax exemptions now from the present \$600 to \$800 and to \$1,000 next year.

2. **MINIMUM WAGE:** An increase in the minimum wage from 75 cents an hour to \$1.25 an hour and greater coverage for the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

3. **HIGHER WAGES:** Collective bargaining must be strengthened to protect consumer buying power and to enable workers to obtain a fair share of the rising productivity of American industry.

4. **IMPROVED UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION:** Benefit levels should be raised to entitle an unemployed worker to 66 per cent of his average weekly wage for at

least 39 weeks with additional benefits for dependents.

5. **HOUSING:** A greatly expanded housing program with a goal of two million homes a year is needed to provide decent homes for millions of Americans in the lower and middle income groups and to bolster the economy.

6. **SOCIAL SECURITY:** Passage of the Lehman-Dingell Bill would expand social security coverage, add permanent and temporary disability insurance, and raise monthly payments to a maximum of \$200.

7. **FARM PROGRAM:** The government should continue and strengthen programs including price supports, conservation, low cost credit and rural electrification to aid the nation's farm families now suffering from a serious recession.

8. **AID TO SMALL BUSINESS:** A special credit agency to perform functions formerly carried by the Reconstruction Finance Corp. should be established to make possible liberal credit for small business and to aid in the expansion of America's economy.

9. **PUBLIC WORKS:** A big-scale public works program to build badly needed highways, hospitals, schools, recreation facilities, etc., should be inaugurated at once.

10. **STATE AND CITY PROGRAMS:** The 48 states and local communities should embark at once on a program of planning action for a number of activities listed above in order to insure that in every section of the country the full benefits of this program will be made available to all the people.

November 2nd is Election Day—the day of reckoning. Tell your friends and neighbors about CIO's program. It deserves the support of everyone. And don't forget —

THE JOB YOU SAVE MAY BE YOUR OWN!

One-a-Month

Starting with this issue, the Local 1-S NEWS will appear once a month during the summer. Personal ads for the July 1, August 1 and September 1st issues should be received at the Union office no later than the 15th of the month.

We wish you, one and all, a pleasant vacation.

Rice "Unfair" List Pushed As Strike Enters Seventh Month

A new call for CIO and general consumer support of the CIO Brewery Workers' unfair list against two Arkansas rice mills was issued as the long walkout entered its seventh month.

In a fight for union recognition and wages above the 75 cents-an-hour legal minimum, several hundred rice mill workers are out at Stuttgart, Arkansas.

The struck firms and their brands are:

Arkansas Rice Growers Cooperative Association:

Riceland Rice, Green Shield, Perfection, Monogram, Lotus, Sultana, Sunnyfield, Monarch, Richelieu, Tohoco, Tropical, Goldcoast, Good Treat, Osceola, Oversea and Chico.

Wonder Rice Mills:

Wonder Rice, Adolphus Rice, Peacock Rice,

Comet Rice, Cash Saver, Showboat, Sultana and Sunnyfield.

There's a CIO Brewery union label on brands from Arkansas State Rice Milling Co., including Water Maid, Mahatma and Sonny Boy.

Victory in the Stuttgart strike will aid the Brewery Workers in an organizing drive among some 10,000 rice mill workers in Arkansas, Texas and Louisiana.

"DON'T BUY SCAB RICE!"



HELP FIGHT CANCER was the cry up and down 34th Street as Union members joined to do their share. From Right to Left above are: Vice Presidents Phil Hoffstein and George Gurian and Administrator Tony Puca. Looking on is Sam Levine (2nd Floor) who had finished a stand.

TO THE EDITOR

PROUD TO BELONG

I would like to express my sincerest thanks to Local 1-S and the wonderful Health Plan. It's a great feeling when you are in the hospital to know that your bill is taken care of and you have no worry. I am very proud to belong to such a wonderful Union.

I want to thank you also for your get-well card and lovely book which I enjoyed reading very much.

Thanking you again for your kindness and promptness.

Gratefully yours,

Mary A. Gegan, HDS

HEARTFELT GRATITUDE

Just a few lines to express our heartfelt gratitude to Local 1-S for its generous and devoted assistance to us in our hour of need.

It makes one proud to be a member of an organization which takes such good care of its own, and I certainly needed all the help I could get during my three operations.

It was also wonderful to know that when blood was needed all I had to say was "call Local 1-S." This certainly proves the truth of the old statement that "a friend in need is a friend indeed."

Yours sincerely,

Mary Wagner, MCU
Harry Wagner

SPLENDID COOPERATION

I wish to express my appreciation for your splendid cooperation in making it possible to lighten the burden of the doctor and medical bills resulting from my recent operation.

I also wish to thank the Welfare Board for the lovely book and cheerful cards that I received. Also all my friends in my department for their lovely cards and the gift which helped brighten my days of convalescence.

In closing, I should once again like to express my gratitude to the officers of Local 1-S, who were responsible for this great help.

Sincerely yours,

Freda Hollender, 3 Dept.

SPEEDY AID

My everlasting gratitude for the help I received during my recent operation. For the timely and speedy aid from the Health Plan—for the many cards and letters from my dear friends—and for all the "get well" expressions that helped so much that I'll always remember. Thank you!

Gratefully yours,

Mary Olsen, 18 Dept.

BENEFITS GAINED

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the benefits gained through the Local 1-S Health Plan and the Blood I have received from the Local 1-S Blood Bank.

It is at times like this, as I am home recuperating from my present illness, that one really can see how wonderful and proud a member of Local 1-S is.

Everyone has been wonderful to me—from President Sam Kovenet-sky to my Shop Steward Tony DeLeon.

Many thanks to my floor (the 18th) and to all my friends in the store.

Sincerely,

Nathan Yurowsky, Receiving

THANK MY UNION

For the third time in four years (three times and out—of hospitals, we hope) I have cause to thank my Union for its financial help.

This was a sudden emergency, and it was a great comfort to know the hospital bill would be taken care of.

Security like this is one of the most important reasons for all of us to give our Union our fullest support. Long may it live!

Thank you most sincerely,

Pauline Lonergan, CPG

A GREAT LIFT

While in the hospital, I received your card and book, both of which I appreciated deeply. Your thoughtfulness means a great lift to the spirit of a person in sick-bed. To know that our Union is not forgetting its sick members is most gratifying and deserving of much credit to our officers who so ably work and care for the welfare of our members.

The benefits I am now deriving under our Health Plan are especially appreciated. In time of sickness one is brought to realize the full impact of extensive benefits we enjoy during such a critical period. The Health Plan, incorporated in our Union contract, is living evidence of the great accomplishments of our Union for which all our members can be proud and grateful.

Loyally and fraternally yours,
Betty Woelfel, 544 Dept.

MOST THOUGHTFUL

I want to thank you for the card and lovely book I received while convalescing.

It was most thoughtful and kind. It made me feel so good knowing that our Union thinks of its members at all times.

Sincerely,

Mary Sotiro, SF

DEAR FRIENDS

Perhaps you think it strange that I did not start this letter "Dear Sirs or Madams", but that would never do for me. For you are my friends—for a friend in need is a friend indeed—and that is how I feel about Local 1-S.

When my son was in need of a transfusion—a phone call to you and Presto—it was done.

I know I should have written sooner, but with all my worries I couldn't think clearly.

The doctor tells him he is on the road to recovery—and with this joy in my heart, I write to thank you again and again.

I also want to thank all Flatbush for their kind sympathies and prayers in my son's behalf.

Thanks most sincerely,

Janet Berman, FBC

BLOOD BANK

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your wonderful Health Plan as well as your Blood Bank.

Never having had a reason to need it before, it was just sort of taken for granted.

But it certainly is a wonderful feeling to know that you have so fine a Union and Health Plan behind you when it is needed.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Wilson, F2

CIO ON THE AIR!

"JOHN W. VANDERCOOK AND THE NEWS"



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More than 150 Shop Stewards and other active members, spearheaded by President Sam Kovenet-sky and Vice President Phil Hoffstein and George Gurian, took to the streets in support of the New York Cancer Committee's 1954 campaign.

Due to the limitations of the Committee's permit, the activity

was limited to Herald Square and Parkchester. Thanks to Local 1-S support of the Cancer Committee last year, many members of Local 1-S were able to get direct aid when it was needed.

No figure was available on the amount collected as this issue of the Local 1-S NEWS went to press. The total will be published in the July 1 paper.

Steward Meeting Calendar

ASD	1st Tuesday of every month	6:15 PM
Controllers	1st Wednesday of every month	6:15 PM
PAC	1st Wednesday of every month	7:00 PM
Ad., Display, BotS, Comp.	1st Thursday of every month	6:15 PM
PAC	3rd Wednesday of every month	7:00 PM
DA	2nd Tuesday of every month	6:15 PM

PERSONALS

FOR SALE—Sacrifice new blond triple dresser and chest, two wardrobes. Phone BU 4-3063 after 7 P.M.

FOR SALE—Boy's two wheel, 26 inch bicycle in very good condition. Reasonable. Call BU 2-6614 after 6 P.M.

FOR SALE—14 foot plywood boat; built-in bait box; 3 HP Evinrude motor, 1953 model. Excellent condition. Price \$275. Phone Chris Flaim, YE 2-4578 after 8 P.M.

FOR SALE—Philco 10 in. table model TV with enlarger. Five years old. New Picture tube. Mahogany cabinet, excellent condition. \$25. Phone TW 7-6069 after 7 P.M.

FOR SALE—Underwood #11 typewriter, almost new. Serial number over 5 million. Only \$60. Call CI 9-9106.

FOR SALE—Two leather-top mahogany end tables and pair porcelain lamps with silk hand-made shades. Total price, \$55. Teak wood marble-top plant table with jardiniere, \$15. Living room chair, down cushion, \$18. Phone IL 9-0372.

Personal ads for the Local 1-S NEWS must be received at the Union office by the 15th of June, July and August, during each of which months only one issue will be published. Twice monthly publication will be resumed starting with the issue of September 1st. There is no charge for personal ads, since this is offered as a service to members of Local 1-S.

MEDICAL PLAN—For the name and address of the doctor, dentist, optometrist or podiatrist nearest you CALL the Union Office—WA 4-4540 or Associated Physicians Medical Group—BU 8-4210 (Night or Day). Complete schedule of fees available upon request.

BLOOD BANK—If you need blood from the Blood Bank CALL the Union Office—WA 4-4540.

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